

Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress
675-81 South 14th Street
Newark, New Jersey 07103

Board of Directors
Minutes of April 21, 1977 Meeting

Present: John Alexander
Barbara Bertschy
Ulysses Blakeley
Thomas Kelly
Vera B. McMillon
Emma Moore
Maso Ryan
Margaret Thompson
Rebecca Kingslow

Absent: Alvin Arce
Walter Barry
Daniel Brown
Robert Carroll
Lillian Greene

Tri-City Staff
Edward Andrade
Rebecca Andrade
Valerie Spain

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Maso Ryan. The minutes of the March 16, 1977 meeting were approved and adopted.

I. Item: Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Ms. Andrade gave the Finance Committee report. The income and expenditure report for the first quarter was reviewed and a deficit of \$16,113.17 was noted. The report did not include projected income from fundraising for April and May. Ms. Andrade expressed a hope that Ford and New World Foundation requests might be granted by July 1st.

Based upon this, Ms. Andrade had recommended that the committee request a loan from the Trust Fund to offset the deficit. The amount requested by the committee is \$11,000, with the difference being raised through fund raising efforts on the part of the Board. The request was voted upon with the recommendation of the Trustees that a plan be instituted by the Board to replenish and build the fund to a greater capacity for the future.

Resolution: "Be it resolved that a loan in the amount of \$11,000 to cover 1977 operating deficit of Union for Progress, be made to Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress, with repayment to the Trust Fund to begin no later than January, 1978, at an interest rate of 6% per year. Be it further resolved that should additional funding be secured by Union for Progress in 1977, repayment shall begin sooner than January, 1978."

The resolution was passed by a vote of 6 yeas, Blakeley, Bertschy, Moore, Kingslow, Ryan and Thompson, and two abstentions, Alexander and McMillon, Trustees.

B. Personnel Committee

Ms. Thompson reviewed the proposal that was presented to the Board at the

February meeting with regard to a 10% increase which is due the Executive Director and Director of Economic Development. The recommendation was adopted in principle and the committee was to report on practice. The Board voted to implement the increase retroactive to January 1, 1977 and to the extent possible with available funds.

G. Policy Committee

Ms. Moore announced that a meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for April 28th to make policy for the summer program.

D. Economic Development Committee

Mr. Andrade reported that several items concerning Amity 2A were under discussion:

I. Rental Assistance Program

20% of the total number of families in both Amity projects are now receiving rental assistance. An increased number now qualify for rental assistance based upon an average of 25% of income. The maximum number of families that may receive assistance is 40% of total Amity population. Mr. Barry recommends that a meeting be held with NJ HFA prior to meeting with HUD.

2. An amount of \$61,000 in back taxes is owed by Amity 2A. \$24,000 back taxes was inherited when Amity 2A was purchased. Union for Progress also inherited a large debt to get project back in shape. The committee agreed to reach for outside monies from DCA to put project on sound footing to be turned over to co-operators. Data is now being collected for use in meeting with HFA for their support in approaching DCA.

3. There is a \$16,000 arrearage in rent payments to Amity 2A for the People's Center. The committee recommends that a waiver not be requested from HFA, but help for Amity 2A be sought through DCA.

4. The committee voted down the office renovation project at this time. Estimated cost of renovation is \$0,000.

5. The committee voted down the plan to convert an apartment into a duplex. Cost of conversion is \$0,000.

Mr. Andrade announced an Energy Conservation Conference to be held at Tri-City on June 11th. The main areas to be covered are:

- . Energy conservation
- . Solar heating
- . Insulation

II. Item: Progress Report on Grantsmanship

Ms. Andrade reported that word was received that the \$14,825 proposal to the Schultz Foundation was approved. The proposal was entitled "Proposal for Neighborhood Services Coordinator." It is a two-year commitment.

Bryant George of the Ford Foundation and David Ramage of the New World Foundation are scheduled to visit Tri-City on May 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A third

Foundation is interested but could not make that particular date. A call meeting will be held on May 4th at 7 p.m. to prepare for the visit.

A proposal has been submitted to the Fund for Reconciliation to cover the salary for the remaining six months of the year for the Manager Intern.

A proposal has been submitted to DCA for the Summer Youth Program, in the amount of \$20,000.

The proposal in the amount of \$2,000 has been submitted to the Development Fund of the Presbytery. We should know the results by May 3rd.

III. Item: Fundraising

Ms. McMillon announced the May Fellowship Celebration luncheon and conference to be held at Bethany Baptist Church, May 6th, as a part of her continuing pursuit of the support of the clergy.

Ms. Thompson suggested that IBM Corporation might have a foundation and it should be sought out.

Mr. Ryan announced the concert to be sponsored by the Men's Club of Trinity Cathedral to be held at the church on June 19th with 50% of the proceeds going to Tri-City.

IV. Item: Affidavit

Ms. Andrade introduced an Affidavit submitted to Tri-City by Midlantic National Bank to attest to the fact that Joseph Thomasberger is not an authorized signatory for Tri-City checks. This was instigated by the presentation of stolen checks bearing Mr. Thomasberger's signature. Mr. Kelly will redraft the Affidavit.

V. Item: Recommendation

Ms. Thompson announced the death of Fannie Lou Hamer, civil rights leader, and recommends that the Tri-City Board maintain contact with the Family Day Care Center, the main project of the Fannie Lou Hamer Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Valerie Spain